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THE PASSING OF THE DESTROYER

The American type destroyer is no match for the slightly bigger and more powerful vessel, nominally of the same category, which certain great naval powers are favoring. Even our Destroyer Leaders would be heavily outclassed by the 19 French boats of which the Vauban may be named as typical. Exactly what is the role of the destroyer in the modern fleet? Submarine defense, torpedo attack, or screening. The task of screening the heavy ships of a fleet at sea is even more important than attacking the enemy ships when, and if, the opportunity offers. The value of torpedo attack at the long ranges now possible is very doubtful. The main fleets at Jutland had no difficulty in evading such attacks thru out the daylight battle.

For fleetwork, whether in protection or attack, a very smaller class of boat would be quite adequate. For "deputizing" in cruiser work a considerably larger type of boat would be eminently desirable, and in such a boat the destroyer would virtually disappear in the light cruiser.

Great interest is being taken in the new 5,450 ton British cruiser *Arethusa*, which was laid down at Chatham on January 25. Some naval authorities are critical of the new vessels specifications. She is described as the first of a class of small general utility cruisers intended to be equally useful as scouts, convoy guards, or lone sentinels on the Empire's trade routes. The *Arethusa* carries six six inch guns, four four inch guns, two multiple antiaircraft guns, and six twenty inch torpedo tubes. A seaplane is mounted on a catapult between the funnels.

France, Italy, and Japan have already taken up new designs. They have developed super-destroyers, especially France and Italy, that exceed 3,000 tons

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**NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION
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Bureau of Navigation Circular Letter
No. 17-33.

To: All Ships and Stations.

SUBJECT: Enlisted Personnel - Marks
in conduct and proficiency in rating.

Reference: (a) Art. D-8020, page 210,
BuNav Manual.

1. The Bureau considers that the tendency throughout the service has been to assign marks in conduct and proficiency in rating inconsistent with performance. It is believed that standards are too low and as a result men who are not examples of proficiency and good conduct are attaining benefits that are intended as rewards for high proficiency and outstanding merit.

2. The standards given in D-8020 (1), (2) and (4) should be carefully followed by Commanding Officers in assigning marks. In assigning conduct marks substantiation of the marks assigned should appear on pages 9-10, for future reference by and guidance of the Bureau. Contrary to the commonly accepted practice that any man, who has no court-martial entry nor mast report, is to be marked 4.0 in conduct, there are qualities of conduct under the heading of unreliability that merit lower marks, as shown in reference. As an example, the Bureau desires that men whose services are lost by sickness due to own misconduct or who are generally unreliable in their financial obligations be given the marks in conduct assigned in the reference article for unreliability.

ASIATIC FLEET GUNNERY DOPE

To date the following gunnery and engineering awards have been made to vessels of the Asiatic Fleet:—

Houston—Anti-aircraft Trophy, Heavy Cruiser Class.

S-39—Second prize, Long Range Battle Practice, Submarine Class.

S-37—Third prize for exceptionally creditable torpedo performance.

S-38—Third prize for exceptionally creditable torpedo performance.

Bittern—First class prize and white "E" for mining exercise.

John D. Ford—First class prize, Long Range Battle Practice.

Paul Jones Parrott and Whipple were awarded First class awards for exceptionally creditable merits in Battle Torpedo Practices "B" and "C".

Parrott - Engineering trophy and white "E", for Group.

Bulmer—Second prize and red "E", engineering.

S-36—Engineering trophy and white "E" for its Group.

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HOUSTONS SCHEDULE

The operating schedule of the Houston will be as follows:—

Month of July base on Tsingtao, China. Depart for Chefoo about 1 August return Tsingtao 5 August.

11 August depart for Shanghai, China. 19 August transfer Command of Asiatic Fleet.

Entries on page 9-10 should read "Unreliable due to loss of time on account of sickness due to own misconduct"; or "Unreliable on account of failure to meet just obligations"; or "Failure to support or provide for dependents".

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THE BLUE BONNET

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FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is another one of those undefinable aspects of human relationships. It sort of comes to two "buddies" whose inclinations, like and dislike and habits are similar. It's hard to tell just what it is. A couple of men get together and between them there are ideas that dovetail—it is the beginning of a relationship that is pleasant and true.

The Navy is one of the great fraternities of the world. We are all working for the same company with the same purpose in mind and somehow it is much easier to form friendships than it is on the big outside. Where men are in daily contact with one another, as shipmates are, there is every chance to observe more closely the thoughts and actions of the ones with whom you work side by side. He who isn't working for the good of his shipmates, his division, his Navy, is soon found out and then and there those men who are, or are not, his counterpart fall in or fall out with him.

Friendship is one of the best things in life and he who has never enjoyed it has not lived. Two friends are to be envied. They share and share alike, there is no room here for hypocrisy; confidences are kept a secret and somehow one man feels the better for having shared and he feels a certain security in his friend. To the other fellow he can bring his troubles and he can appreciate the sense of comradeship built up between them. One man respects the qualities he finds in the other and he can rely on the criticism of himself made by his friend.

There is a certain patriotism about friendship, too, so that when you hear someone, who really doesn't know what

he is talking about, criticize your friend, you rise to the occasion and express your feelings as you see fit. There is no man who will stand up and see a friend criticized unjustly.

Friendship can be one of the strongest ties between two people yet it can be utterly smashed by those who treat it without loyalty and devotion. In friendship you've got to give and take the best stuff that human nature has provided. There are no half-way measures that go. You would fight for that friend to the bitter end if need be or that which is between you is not friendship but something of a parasitical nature wherein you hope to gain. You often hear of those who are your fairweather "buddies." When you have cash or something else of value they are willing to take but offer nothing in return.

Watch the kind of friendships that you form, find the kind of people who want the right kind of a friend. Either that or be the goat for a onesided bit of horseplay.

The Service has always been your friend from the moment of your enlistment. At no time will it take advantage of you and will always try to help you at every turn of the road. It's up to you to fulfill the obligations of friendship that call for loyalty, courage and stick-to-it'veness.

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and 40 knots, while Japan reached 1,850 tons, and suggested that as a limit in the London Treaty. The last German destroyers of wartime were 2,100 tons. England stopped at 2,100 tons and returned to much smaller displacements. It is apparent that among the great naval powers the American type destroyer has become of doubtful value, since it is too small for commerce protection and too large for torpedo and submarine attack. Small high speed boats have been advocated for U-boat and aerial defense, smoke screening, and listening devices.

Japan intends to construct a new type of anti-submarine craft, which, it is hoped, will effectually protect the fleet from submarine attack. The craft is very small, around 400 tons displacement, and capable of great speed. In the event that an airplane locates an enemy submarine, it will communicate immediately with the ship, which would proceed promptly to the location and release her depth bombs.

NAVY NOTES

Figures compiled by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection, reveal that there were 24,913 merchant vessels flying the American flag on December 31, 1932.

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A new policy which would impose a small tonnage tax on all water transportation in the U. S. is under consideration by President Roosevelt. This system, which is in practice in England, would afford the Government an amount in excess of 60,000,000 dollars a year.

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Apart from the submarine and gunboat flotillas, 21 ships of the Royal Navy are now stationed in Chinese waters.

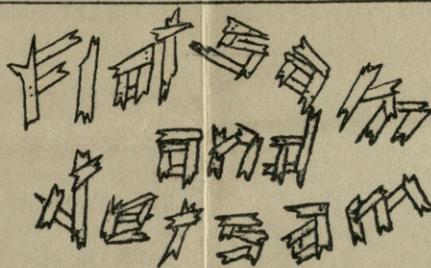
The first seagoing dry dock in the U. S., and perhaps in the world, will soon be built for the Navy. The dock will have a typical ship's bow, to allow easy towing from place to place, and have a hinged gate at the stern. It will accommodate destroyers, submarines, mine sweepers and tugs; it will be about 393 feet long, 60 feet wide and 33 feet high from keel to top of deck.

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Out of the myriad types of goods, which flow into the U. S. each year, only a half dozen are absolute necessities which have no substitute produced at home, which could not be produced here or which are not already produced within the country. Those six articles listed by the U. S. Department of Commerce, are platinum, tin, manila, sisal, kapok, and rubber. In 1931, the last year for which detailed figures are available, they made only 6 percent of Uncle Sams total bill for imports. If America's importations were suddenly reduced to those six commodities, cotton, the most important exports, could pay for them all twice over.

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During the fiscal year beginning 1 July, 1933, the following changes will occur in Naval activities, according to the Operating Force Plan. Retain 13 instead of 11 battleships in full commission by fully commissioning Mississippi and New Mexico without putting any battleship into rotating reserve commission. Put Rochester out of commission in Manila. Put Kittery out of commission at Philadelphia. Put Constitution out of commission when it returns to the East Coast. Put all non-rigid airships at Lakehurst out of commission, together with one rigid airship, the Los Angeles.



TSINGTAO SOUNDINGS

Tsingtao again - - the Riviera of the Orient - - this time without that none-too-elusive fragrance of shipside, although the blushing garlic is still in full bloom. The same old landmarks plus a few new ones including the stadium, in which, it is rumored, a heavyweight marathon will be held - - contestants: Mendler of Flossels, Obie of Obie's (imagine Cho Cho San wrapping that kind of an Obie about her waist) and Anna of the Midnite.

The only fellow who goes to the dogs without anyone growling - except the pooch, is the humble little flea.

The lad who married a dressmaker's daughter many years ago has just gotten a divorce from his wife because he couldn't get along with his mother-in-law on account of how she was an old Sew and Sew.

The other day, outside the post office, a certain studious seaman was observed placing stamps on an envelope in a very peculiar manner. Overcome with curiosity I enquired as to the reason and received this reply, "I'm taking a correspondence school course and that's our school yell!"

Several days ago, a certain coxswain was seen hanging on the life-lines gazing into space singing that old ditty entitled "What Good Am I Without You". Never mind, son - - every trim little craft must break away occasionally and have her speed run.

After several nights spent gathering statistics, it has been determined that only 17 per cent of the girls in Tsingtao are working girls - - the other 83 per cent are working sailors.

SIGHTS OF THE WEEK - - A real knock down and dragout battle between two of the "charming and beautiful hostesses" of a local cabaret - - total damage; a broken glass, a broken cup, and a shocked eardrum - - fun while it

lasted. Happened to be present when three Tsingtao tsarinas disported themselves immodestly in the limpid waters of Strand Beach - - that was a sight.

A sailor, after placing some flowers on a grave in a cemetery, noticed an old Chinese placing a bowl of rice on a near by grave, and asked: "When do you expect your friend to come up and eat his rice?"

The old Chinese replied: "Same time your fiend come up for smell flower."

A recent graduate was standing watch as Junior Officer of the Deck; the motor boat came alongside and reported. The J. O. O. D. ordered it to shove off and haul out to starboard yard. A few minutes later he looked out and saw the boat madly careening around the ship. He yelled, "What the devil are you doing cox'n?" Nothing daunted, the cox'n replied, "Just getting up speed to take off, sir!"

Messboy: (After officer has rung ten minutes) Did you ring, sir?
Officer: "No: I was tolling - - thought you were dead."

Some writhe and some wriggle,
Some wabble or walk;
Some jerk and some jiggle,
Some solemnly stalk.
Some waggle, some waddle,
Some hobble or toddle,
Or wriggle or waddle
Or jiggle or juggle,
And they call it dancing.

Sea. 2/c: "Do you send your jumpers to the laundry?"
SM 1/c: "No, I wear them once and then tear them up myself."

"I want some eggs" the captain roared.
Up jumped the gallant crew - -
To toss the anchor overboard,
And make the ship lay to.

Minute Man.

JUST FILL IT IN

Dear Folks:
Here is the Bule Bonnet again. I am (happy) (broke) (in love) (having a good time).

With love,
KISSING IS NO CRIME

Kissing a woman, even against her will, is no breach of law, according to the ruling made by Judge Eusebio Comez, of Buenos Aires, who acquitted Ernesto Mayrhofer of assault by kissing an eighteen year old girl in the street. The Judge naturally held that the girl was accessory before during and after the crime by being so kissable, while on the same grounds it is possible that a civil suit for damages would be dismissed on the ground of contributory negligence. Ain't the law wonderful?

SEA GOING
Sea 1st. "Do you know what they call the last three hairs on a dogs tail?"
Sea 2c. "No, what do they call em?"
Sea 1st. "Dawg hairs."

Owing to a fog, a steamer stopped at the mouth of a river. An old lady inquired of the Captain the cause of the dalay.
"Can't see up the river," replied he.
"But Captain, I can see the stars overhead," she said.

"Yeah," answered the Captain gruffly,
But unless our boilers bust we ain't a-going that way."

Ens. to Lieut. "With whom do the merimaids flirt?"
Lieut. to Ens. "Simple - The swells of the ocean of course."

Chaplain: "A sailor may hold a girls hand near the Frog Pond, but if it is a Bishop, then it is quite a different story.
Lieut. B., "Lets have it."

ASIATIC FEVER

One day out in China, Mark Anthony Clutts,
Said, "I'm tired of this station, it's driving me nuts,
I'm sick of the goo-goos, I hate the Chinese,
There's a transport a sailing, send me back on it please.
The Asiatic Station has me worried and sore,
I want to go back to my own native shore.
Where I'll throttle the fellows around me, who tell,
Of the lure of the East, with its magic spell,
And I'll eat with the pigs,
And I'll sleep in their pen,
Ere I go back to Subic, or China again.
And whenever a transport sailed out of the bay,
Mark Anthony Clutts started chanting his lay,
Till at last he got orders to pack up his shirts,
And go back to the land where the women wore skirts.
He arrived safe at home, then he scouted a job,
And said, "Gosh I'm glad I'm no longer a gob,
To enjoy myself thoroughly is just what I need".
Give me gangway and room, I'm a demon for speed.
To start off the fun he looked up a young beaut,
Whom he met at Goat Island, when he was a boot.
But her husband was home, and that altered a plan,
That they'd made to go out, without her old man.
So to pass away time, in the meanwhile to think,
He went down to the corner to purchase a drink,
But found a fish market, where once stood a bar.
(He forgot that prohibition had ended the war.)
He grew sad and lonely, there was no place to go,
Till at last he decided to take in a show.
The show had just started, when he got to his seat,
A travelogue picture was thrown on the sheet.
When the picture came on he got quite a surprise,
And he stared at them all with his wide-open eyes.
There were pictures of spots in the far

INTER-DIVISION BASEBALL

First game played on Monday June 26th., between 1st. and 2nd. divisions. The score was 9 to 4 in favor of the 2nd., division. Considerable interest is being shown in these baseball games, and all hands are invited to take part. The regular players may play, but in other than their regular positions on the ships team.

The schedule has been suspended until after SRBP, but will be continued in its present form on the day following the firing. The field is available for Houston division teams from 1300 to 1530 on week days, and from 1530 until dark on odd week days.

Philippines,
Glongapo, China, some Japanese scenes.
A crowd of blue-jackets in "Calesa" carts,
Going out for a dance, at Mr. Ed. Harts. Tondo, Paco, Ermita, some walled-city views,
And San Miguel Brewery, were given their dues.
Tom's Dixie Kitchen, the Bund in Shanghai,
As he looked them all over, he started to cry.
He reached for his hat and he said, "Gimme air".
"I've made up my mind that I'm going back there."
"I was happier when I wore blue-jacket togs,
I was wrong when I talked about eating with hogs,
As matters stand now, I'll go eat with the beast,
Then I'll take the first boat and go back to the East."
Now the things said and done by this Anthony guy,
Happen often to others, as transports sail by.
Each ship sailing home has its quota of men,
Who swear they will never see China again.
While those sailing back, are filled up to the guard,
With men who "eat chow with the pigs, in the yard,"
Each day there are men in that far away fleet,
Who say many things that they'll later on eat.
When at home they recall all the times that they swore,
Or sang "We won't go back to Subic any more."

RECREATION FOR ENLISTED MEN

The Enlisted Men's Club, located in the West Wing of the Grand Hotel, is a splendid recreational center for men on liberty in Tsingtao. Its facilities include a large recreation room in which are to be found a canteen, numerous types of indoor games, victrola music, local newspapers, current magazines and writing materials. The Club also maintains a bar and a dining room for the exclusive use of enlisted personnel in which reasonable prices obtain. Dressing rooms, showers and lockers are available for the use of men participating in athletics. Clothing and packages may be checked at the Club.

There are four beach boxes at Strand Beach for the exclusive use of enlisted personnel. These boxes are located almost immediately in front of the Strand Hotel. Three of these boxes, bearing the numbers 73, 74, and 75, respectively, are situated in the third row of beach huts. The fourth, designated by the sign "Swimside", is situated in the second row. All boxes are designated by U. S. Navy signs. Coolie service at these boxes is without cost to service men.

Enlisted men are invited to use certain courts at the Tsingtao Tennis Club as follows:

Lower courts Nos. 6 and 7, from 6 a. m. to noon and 2 p. m. to 3 p. m., except on Wednesdays when the hours are 6 a. m. to 1 p. m. Enlisted men may furnish their own balls or purchase used balls from the Club boy at a mex per tin of balls.

SOCCER

Most any day the casual observer may stroll out to the athletic field and behold a group of wild men rushing frantically about with the sole apparent object of kicking someone else in the shins. On closer inspection, however, a ball may be seen bouncing about, thus informing the aforesaid observer that the Houston booters are getting in some early licks at that knock down and drag out game known as soccer.

Thus far, about twenty men have reported for this sport - more are needed. The only requirements are nimble feet and an ability to take it. Come out with the squad one of these afternoons and give it a try - guaranteed to be good for the wind, fallen arches, the crud, or what have you. All those interested see "Flash" Gardiner of the fighting "F" Division.

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